

a knife supporting frame connected to said cutting table;

guide mechanism mounting said knife to said supporting frame for movement of said knife from

a start position wherein said knife is positioned spaced from said cutting table and said stack of sheet members to a cut position wherein said knife moves toward said cutting table and trims or cuts said stack of sheet members;

said guide mechanism being movable on said frame to a first guide position causing said knife to move in a first direction relative to said cutting edge axis when moving from said start position to said cut position;

said guide mechanism being movable on said frame to a second guide position causing said knife to move in a second direction opposite from said first direction when moving from said start position to said cut position.

13. (Twice Amended)

Apparatus for trimming or cutting a stack of sheet members comprising:

a cutting table;

a support frame connected to said cutting table and extending upwardly therefrom;

linkage mechanism comprising a base link and first and second side links pivotally connected to said base link and extending downwardly therefrom;

an elongated knife holder having an elongated knife with a cutting edge mounted thereto, and

being pivotally connected to said first and second side links, whereby said base link, said

first and second side links, and said knife holder form a collapsible parallelogram;

an extensible cylinder connected to said frame and to said knife holder for moving said knife

from a start position spaced from said table to a cut position proximate said table;

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said base link being movably mounted to said support frame for movement from a first link position wherein said first and second links angle downwardly at an inclined first angle when said knife is in said start position to a second link position wherein said first and second links angle downwardly at an inclined second angle opposite from said first angle when said knife is in said start position.